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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: MEETING ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH
AFRICA

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1. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY OFFICER, JOHNNY GRAHAM
URGED THAT WE PROPOSE DATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR
FIVE-POWER MEETING ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH
AFRICA. FCO HAS BEEN FOREWARNED BY UKUN THAT MARCH 21
(THE SHARPVILLE ANNIVERSARY) WILL LIKELY BE THE DATE
FOR THE SOUTH AFRICA DEBATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. INASMUCH AS THE FIVE-POWER MEETING WAS ORIGINALLY
SUGGESTED BY MINISTERS IN ORDER TO PLAN CAREFULLY
WESTERN TACTICS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, GRAHAM BELIEVES
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WE HAVE LITTLE TIME LEFT IF WE ARE TO AVOID LAST
MINUTE DECISIONS IN THE POSSIBLY HEATED ATMOSPHERE OF A
DEBATE. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE FRENCH ARE AGREEABLE
TO AN EARLY MEETING. ALTHOUGH THE GERMANS HAVE NOT
WORKED OUT THEIR INTER-DEPARTMENTAL POSITIONS, GRAHAM
SAID HE SUGGESTED TO BONN FEBRUARY 28 THAT DECISIONS
OF A FIVE-POWER MEETING WOULD BE AD REFERENDUM IN ANY

CASE, AND THE GERMANS SEEMED AMENABLE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE.

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